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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7364

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AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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EFFORT TO INVITE PRG TO PARTICIPATE

IN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE

REF: A. OSLO 4095; B. USUN 4518

1. EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO REACH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE ON NOVEMBER 7 TO CONVEY INFORMATION IN REFTEL B BEFORE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON U.S. DEMARCHE. WHEN VIBE RETURNED DCM'S CALL IT WAS TO SAY THAT , REGRETFULLY, AFTER CAREFUL RECONSIDERATION, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO MAINTAIN NORWAY'S POSITION OF ABSTENTION ON PROPOSAL TO INVITE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) TO LOS CONFERENCE. VIBE SAID THAT THIS DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED
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AT A MEETING EARLIER IN THE DAY ATTENDED, IN ADDITION TO

HIMSELF, BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, PRIVATE POLITICAL SECRETARY,
UNDER SECRETARY AND OFFICIAL HANDLING VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS.

2. VIBE EXPANDED SOMEWHAT ON THE ARGUMENTS HE HAD USED
PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL A), SAYING THAT NORWAY WAS GREATLY
INFLUENCED BY FACT PARIS AGREEMENT REFERS TO ALL THREE
PARTIES IN VIETNAM AND THAT NORWAY IS GIVING AID TO THE
THREE PARTIES. HE REITERATED FOREIGN MINISTRY' CONCERN
THAT IT WILL BE CRITICIZED BY "SOME PEOPLE" FOR ITS ABSTENTION
ON QUESTION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND REFUSAL TO CONDEMN PORTUGAL,
AND EXPECTS TO BE CRITICIZED FOR ITS ABSTENTION ON PRG ISSUE.
WHEN DCM SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS "SOME PEOPLE" NEEDED TO HAVE
SITUATION EXPLAINED MORE CLEARLY TO THEM, VIBE REPLIED THEY
COULD NOT BE PURSUADED; AND WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED SUCH PEOPLE
DO NOT REPRESENT ALL OF NORWEGIAN OPINION, VIBE REPLIED,
"THIS IS WHY WE ARE ABSTAINING." HE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT
OF REGRET, SAYING THAT EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE HAD "NOT BEEN TAKEN
LIGHTLY".
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